



# Town of Tewksbury

# MINUTES

Committee: Tewksbury Recycling Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Tewksbury Public Library

Members & Staff present: Toby Sedgwick, Loretta Ryan, Sandra Barbeau, Pam Meroski

Members not present: Jae Gray

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 pm

Minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved with no adjustments.

*(Date)*

## Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Financial Update: table for next meeting

Battery Recycling: New state regulations that batteries must be placed in provided bags and special labels must be applied to outside of shipping box. Still have 4 available boxes, but could fill multiple boxes with the amount currently in the donation bin. Each box weighs about 40 lbs. some boxes are free to dispose of through the state. Discussed ideas to support this program.

Membership Drive: Discuss ideas to recruit new members: facebook, Your Tewksbury Today (Bill Gilman)

Correspondence: a few residents unhappy with issues with trash pick up and Christmas tree disposal

New Business:

Scholarships: Earlier due date of April 1 this year since need decisions to TMHS by April 17. We have \$1500 to award. Will base number of scholarships on number of applicants. Applications will be available at TMHS and Shawsheen Tech Guidance offices, on TMHS website, and posted to facebook. Loretta will ask if Helen at town hall can print 5 packets of completed applications for each of us to review. Will ask Sean to assist, and aim to meet in early April to make selections.

Festival of Trees: Our tree was donated a long time ago and has broken branches. Loretta discarded it and purchased a new tree at bargain price under \$100. She will inquire about reimbursement from gift account. Let's plan ahead for next year and consider an ornament crafting gathering to create new decorations.

Media Submissions: Article idea "Did you know?" with facts about Tewksbury's recycling habits

Events/Awareness:

Farmer's Market: Saturdays June-Sept. Consider drafting a flyer to handout

Health Fair: April 8 at Senior Center from 2-6pm. Toby to draft mini handout, perhaps with May meeting date, fb page info, link to town webpage, ZWD save the date. We have some extra coolers that we could hand out.

ZWD: Save the Date, Sept 26, 2015

Other: interest in styrofoam recycling program. No room to add it to ZWD and need to consider cost. Would need to pursue a sponsor to fund this.

Annual Report: Loretta updated this year's report. Sean and Sandra provided info. Will be finalized soon and submitted to selectmen committee.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- 2015 Tewksbury Recycling Committee /Republic Services Scholarship Application
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Documents and Other Exhibits used at meeting will be available for review at: Town Clerk Office, TMHS, Shawsheen Tech, town and TMHS website

Meeting was adjourned at: 6:52pm

Next meeting:

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Time: 6pm

Place: Tewksbury Public Library

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman: Toby Sedgwick, clerk  
(Signature)

Minutes approved by Committee on: 3-11-2015  
(Date)